

Item 3: Necessity of University apology for public targeting of a faculty member

At the direction of the Franklin Senate, the ad hoc committee on Baldwin Hall presents the following potential resolution for discussion:

The Faculty Senate of the Franklin College of Arts and Sciences judges that it is unacceptable for UGA media spokespersons and other University officials publicly to offer negative remarks about the actions, speech, or writing of faculty in areas of their disciplinary expertise unless there is overwhelming evidence that faculty members are in the wrong. The Senate judges that there was no substantive evidence backing public remarks authored by Greg Trevor of the Office of Media and Communications and directed at Dr. Laurie Reitsema in March of 2018. The Senate therefore urges President Jere Morehead to instruct the Office of Media and Communications to apologize for targeting Dr. Reitsema, and to assure faculty that such conduct will not occur going forward.